

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 37-60 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please add new Claims 61-88, as follows.

Claims 1-60 (Cancelled).

61. (New) A nail enamel composition that comprises a solution of a film-forming addition polymer, of ethylenically unsaturated monomers, in non-aqueous solvent, wherein

- a) the polymer consists of a copolymer of acrylic acid and butyl methacrylate that contains about 2-29 wt.% acrylic acid;
- b) the polymer has a glass transition temperature in the range of 5 to 90° C;
- c) the polymer constitutes about 5-95 wt.% of the composition;
- d) the composition is suitable for application to human nails; and
- e) the composition, when applied to a nail, is capable of leaving on the nail a water-insoluble film having a thickness in the range of about 0.5 to 8 mils.

62. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the copolymer contains 2 to 20 wt.% of acrylic acid.

63. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the copolymer contains 5 to 14 wt.% of acrylic acid.

64. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the composition comprises 15-90 wt.% non-aqueous solvent.

65. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 62 wherein the composition comprises 15-90 wt.% non-aqueous solvent.

66. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 63 wherein the composition comprises 20-80 wt.% non-aqueous solvent.

67. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic ketones, aromatic ketones, aliphatic alcohols, aromatic alcohols, glycol ethers, esters, and benzoates.

68. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 67 wherein the solvent is comprised of ethyl acetate and butyl acetate.

69. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 65 wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic ketones, aromatic ketones, aliphatic alcohols, aromatic alcohols, glycol ethers, esters, and benzoates.

70. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 69 wherein the solvent is comprised of ethyl acetate and butyl acetate.

71. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 66 wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of aliphatic ketones, aromatic ketones, aliphatic alcohols, aromatic alcohols, glycol ethers, esters, and benzoates.

72. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 71 wherein the solvent is comprised of ethyl acetate and butyl acetate.

73. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the composition also contains 1-25 wt.% dipropylene glycol dibenzoate.

74. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 65 wherein the composition also contains 1-25 wt.% dipropylene glycol dibenzoate.

75. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 69 wherein the composition also contains 1-25 wt.% dipropylene glycol dibenzoate.

76. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 70 wherein the composition also contains 1-25 wt.% dipropylene glycol dibenzoate.

77. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 72 wherein the composition also contains 1-25 wt.% dipropylene glycol dibenzoate.

78. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the composition also contains 0.01-15 wt.% stearalkonium bentonite.

79. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 74 wherein the composition also contains 0.01-15 wt.% stearalkonium bentonite.

80. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 77 wherein the composition also contains 0.01-15 wt.% stearalkonium bentonite.

81. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the composition also contains 0.1-25 wt.% nitrocellulose.

82. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 80 wherein the composition also contains 0.5-5 wt.% nitrocellulose.

83. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the copolymer has a molecular weight of about 68,000.

84. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 82 wherein the copolymer has a molecular weight of about 68,000.

85. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the solvent is comprised of isopropanol.

86. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 84 wherein the solvent is comprised of isopropanol.

87. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 61 wherein the composition also contains 0.1-30 wt.% pigment.

88. (New) The nail enamel composition of claim 86 wherein the composition also contains 0.1-30 wt.% pigment.